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USSR: The link-up and separation of two unmanned Soviet spacecraft is probably a forerunner to a manned event.

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The Russians announced that an on-board TV system transmitted pictures of the joined vehicles.

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The use of this highly sophisticated technique of automated rendezvous and docking marks a significant advance in Soviet space technology. It enabled the Soviets to perform a critical test in their manned program without risking the life of a cosmonaut.

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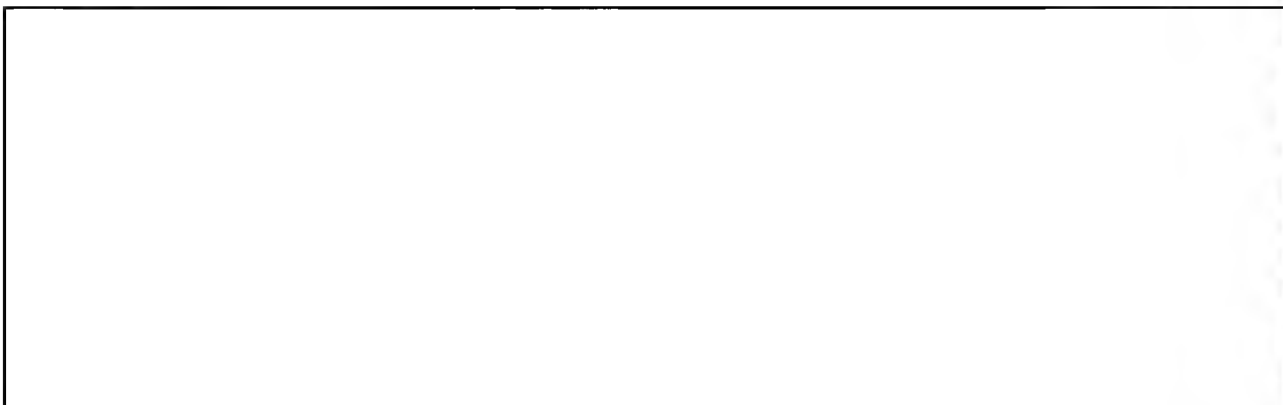
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USSR: The Soviets conducted their second extended-range test of a solid propellant ICBM to the mid-Pacific on 29 October. [redacted]

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[redacted] The firing completed the current test series, and the Soviets reopened the impact area to navigation on 30 October. The three Soviet range-instrumentation ships monitoring the tests probably will now move to stations from which they can support a space shot. [redacted]

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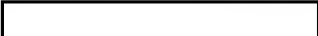
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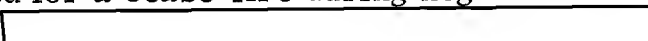

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Peru: Labor unrest in southern Peru has eased with the acceptance by striking workers of the government's offer of a sliding scale of wage increases up to 23 percent to compensate for the rise in prices since devaluation. The settlement was expedited by firm police control and by recognition that a prolonged strike could provoke military intervention. Further labor unrest is likely, however, when present contracts expire--many of them on 1 December--and the unions press for future wage adjustments. 

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*Congo (Kinshasa): The prolonged Congolese army offensive against the mercenaries in Bukavu has probably killed any last remaining hopes for a peaceful evacuation of the mercenaries under International Red Cross auspices. A Red Cross demand that Mobutu call an immediate cease-fire will doubtless fall on officials who are both unable and unwilling to do anything about it. In any case, mercenary leader Schramme now has a perfect excuse to back out of the September evacuation agreement--which called for a cease-fire during negotiations--if he so desires. 


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